



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Blue Ridge High
Greenville County School District
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,115
Principal: Reena Watson
Superintendent: Mr. Burke Royster
Board Chair: Mr. Roger Meek

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2011	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
18	5	0	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
Passed 2 subtests (%)	85.9%	83.7%	84.6%	85.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	8.1%	9.9%	9.7%	9.3%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.9%	6.4%	6.3%	5.5%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2012

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	95.0%	94.1%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	292	387
Number of Diplomas	219	308
Rate (%)	75.0%	79.6%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	76.8	81.2
English 1	67.2	71.0
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	83.9	82.1
US History and the Constitution	56.9	59.7
All Tests	70.9	74.6

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING - GRADE 8 (2011)



MATH - GRADE 8 (2011)



SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2009)



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,115)				
Retention rate	1.9%	Down from 2.3%	2.2%	3.0%
Attendance rate	94.7%	No Change	96.1%	95.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.0%	Up from 0.4%	0.8%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.8%	Down from 33.5%	24.3%	13.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	28.9%	Down from 38.0%	57.6%	50.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	62.9%	Down from 68.3%	30.6%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	3.5%	Up from 3.1%	2.3%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	5.7%	Up from 4.2%	1.6%	2.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	614	Up from 595	744	395
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	82.6%	Down from 85.0%	84.7%	84.0%
Teachers (n=60)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.3%	Down from 60.7%	66.7%	63.2%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	85.5%	Down from 85.8%	89.6%	86.6%
Teacher attendance rate	96.9%	Up from 95.1%	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,981	Down 0.7%	\$48,326	\$47,326
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.3%	Down from 5.7%	3.7%	3.6%
Professional development days/teacher	7.1 days	Up from 6.3 days	8.3 days	9.7 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	32.5 to 1	Up from 31.9 to 1	29.4 to 1	27.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.0%	Up from 90.7%	89.7%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,733	Down 7.1%	\$6,439	\$7,761
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.3%	Down from 59.5%	59.8%	57.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.8%	Down from 61.0%	61.6%	59.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.0%	Down from 96.6%	98.1%	97.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	88.0	N/A	84.2	78.2

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	63	212	50
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.5%	85.4%	89.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.4%	91.3%	88.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	85.5%	91.0%	89.8%

*Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Blue Ridge High School has had an outstanding year. The students, faculty, staff, parents, and community are proud of achieving Palmetto Gold as a result of significant increase in student achievement. The graduating class was awarded almost \$6 million in scholarship money and over 75% of the graduates will attend or enlist in the military this fall. Through more teacher collaboration, a focus on data analysis, involvement of community stakeholders, working with other high achieving schools, and creating opportunities for remediation and mastery, Blue Ridge High fully expects to continue increasing student achievement. Based on interest from the community, the Advanced Placement program has grown to include sixteen courses this year, including one for freshmen. Information sessions for parents and students, as well as pilot programs to offer alternative scheduling so students can take more AP classes, were instrumental in the growth of the AP program this year. The student organizations achieved new records for fundraising, awards, and community involvement. The service learning class created a program, Ridge Relief, to assist students experiencing hardship or loss. FFA had 21 students to qualify for the State Conference. FBIA is taking nine students to National Competition over the summer. AFJROTC students participated in community service, charity events, and Cadet Leadership School. The band and chorus continued their award winning traditions at competitions on the local, regional, and state level. The band placed 3rd in the state. A newly established SCJCL won many awards and has students and a teacher in state offices. Student Council organized many student events and hosted a hugely successful Senior Day. The Academic Team placed highly in competitions. Several teachers received grants to enhance the school and facilitate learning in the classroom. The drama program performed many times and included a community improv group. In the athletic realm, Blue Ridge High is proud of the students and coaches for the high levels of success in various programs. Several football players received local and state recognition for their excellence on and off the field. The boys' and girls' cross country teams placed in the state competition. The cheerleading, swim, softball and volleyball teams qualified for state playoffs. Girls' golf team won the region and two girls' basketball players received local recognition. Blue Ridge High School will continue to make strides for student improvement through academics, athletics, and the arts. The students are the focal point of every decision made. It is the goal that each student in the school leave with a high school diploma and prepared to meet the challenges of the world successfully.

Reena Watson, Principal
Chandra Cisson, SIC Chair

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